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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 17 November 2010

PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room
68-1 Cranston, RI 02920

TIME: 12:04 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Christopher A. Duhamel, PE, PLS,
Vice Chairman Wayne Moore, PE, Secretary Kazem Farhoumand, PE,
Messrs.. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE,
Board Members

OTHERS PRESENT: Louis A. DeQuattro, Jr., Deputy Director &
Counsel, Division of Regulatory Standards, Compliance and
Enforcement

Brian Riggs, Administrator, Financial Management

Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant

Attorney Patrick Quinlan

Thomas Cabana, PE

Denise Webb, CART Services

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Duhamel called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM to commence Board business.

Secretary Duhamel asked to delay items one and two on the agenda and move to item (3)

Attorney Quinlan left at 12:28 PM

Thomas Cabana, PE left at 12:28 PM

Vice Chairman Moore left at 1:00 PM

Mr. Riggs left at 2:35 PM

Mr. DeQuattro left at 2:35 PM

NEW BUSINESS:

(3) Election of Officers

(a.) A motion was made by Mr. Moore to nominate Christopher Duhamel, Secretary as Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Farhoumand. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors. Voting in favor was Messrs. Moore, Farhoumand, Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members.

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(b) A motion was made by Chairman Duhamel to nominate Wayne Moore as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Farhoumand. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors. Voting in favor was Chairman Duhamel, Messrs. Farhoumand,

Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members.

(c) A motion was made by Mr. Aldinger to nominate Kazem Farhoumand as Secretary. Chairman Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors. Voting in favor was Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members.

(1) Acceptance of the 20 October 2010 minutes of the meeting.

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the 20 October 2010 Board meeting. Chairman Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to accept and seal the minutes of the Executive Session of 20 October 2010 with amendments. Chairman Duhamel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Mr. Ihenacho, Board Members.

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Paul Aldinger made a motion to convene into executive session at 1:57 PM pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-(5)(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Secretary Farhoumand

seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

Secretary Farhoumand moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to open meeting at 2:35 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent..

Secretary Farhoumand moved to seal the executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4 and §42-46-5 no votes were taken in executive session: in “Old Business” C2010-1 continued, P2010-8 (a) continued, P2010-8 (b) continued, P2010-13 continued, C2007-8 continued, P2010-14 (a) continued, P02010-14 (b) continued, P2010-16 continued. P2011-1 continued, P2011-2 continued, and P2011-3 continued. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Secretary Farhoumand voted “I.” Mr. Aldinger voted “I.” Mr. Ihenacho voted “I.” The Chair voted “I.” Vice-Chairman Moore was absent.

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In Executive Session pending matters, there are fifteen (15) pending matters, comprised of thirteen (13) potential litigation-related matters and two (2) investigative matters, four (4) monitoring matters.

(4) Discussion of the Task List

Chairman Duhamel updated the new Board members on continuing discussions between the Board of Engineers and the Land Surveyor Board regarding the Task List and a Public Hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Aldinger to rescind the Public Hearing. Secretary Farhoumand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger, and Ihenacho, Board Members. Mr. Aldinger made a motion to have a joint workshop which would include the Engineering and the Land Surveyor Boards and representatives of R.I.C.E. Secretary Farhoumand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger, and Ihenacho, Board Members.

(5) Discussion and Review of License renewals

The Board reviewed a second draft of the paper license renewal form for the 2011 PE individual renewals. Mr. Aldinger made a motion to add a check box for address changes. Secretary Farhoumand seconded the motion. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members.

(6) Request by South Carolina for Comment on Equivalency of RI FE exam

Mr. Aldinger made a motion to send a letter to the South Carolina Board stating that this Board does not have any significant information regarding the equivalency of the Rhode Island 1961 FE exam. Secretary Farhoumand seconded the motion. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

(7) Northeast Zone Awards Committee

So noted and filed.

(8) Correspondence received from Timothy J. LaRose, President of RISPE

President LaRose would like to add Rhode Island Society of Professional Engineers (RISPE) to the Board's website listed under "Related Links".

Attorney DeQuattro asked Ms. Marshall to confer with the IT department before the Board makes a final decision.

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(9) Correspondence received from Michael J. Di Meo, PE

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Di Meo

on behalf of the Board stating that his interpretation of RI General Law, Chapter 5, sub-sections 5-1, 5.8, 5-8.1 and 5-5.0 was correct. As to Mr. DiMeo's second question regarding whether or not a Town Authority Having Jurisdiction, such as a Fire Marshall, has the right to reject design documents stamped by individual who does not have COA approval that is also correct. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion.

Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

APPLICATIONS:

(10) Winston E. Kile

Mr. Kile's application was held for review and discussion at the 15 December 2010 Board Meeting.

(11) Pete Johnson

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to inform Mr. Johnson that he needs to submit an updated application by 1 January 2011 along with proof that he took and passed the review course offered at URI this past fall. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

(12) Nathan Collins

Mr. Collins' application was held for review and discussion at the 15 December 2010 Board Meeting.

(13) Thomas E. Spencer

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to inform Mr. Spencer that the Board's original decision to register him in the civil discipline remains unchanged. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

(14) Muhammad Ammad

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to deny Mr. Amman's registration since he does not meet the Rhode Island educational requirements. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

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(15) Darren Hayward

Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to inform Mr. Hayward that he

must submit a complete application. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

P.E. COMITY:

Mr. Ihenacho made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously, four in favor one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Messrs. Aldinger and Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER J. TN ELECT. KOLANKO, JOSEPH T. TX CIVIL

CHOUBAH, HALIM A. MA CIVIL LEESMAN, JOHN H. IL CIVIL

CRISTOFORI, NICHOLAS D. NH CIVIL LOVEJOY, MARK A. WI CIVIL

GODFREY, MARK E. MA CIVIL MULLEN, MATTHEW E. MA MECH.

GOOD, SHAWN M. FL GOOD OJDROVIC, RASKO MA STRUC.

GOUVEIA, ANTHONY R. MA CIVIL SCHNERCH, DAVID A. NC STRUC.

GUZAS, BRIAN P. MD STRUC. SCOTT, JEREMY B. MA MECH.

HALL, MICHAEL A. WI CIVIL SHANANAN, GREGORY A. CA FIRE PROT.

HUBBARD, STEPHANIE ANN MA CIVIL STECKEL, BOB M. CA CIVIL

HYATT, NICHOLAS G. IL STRUC. UZMAN, ZEYN B. IL CIVIL

E.I.T. COMITY:

Secretary Farhoumand recused himself. Mr. Aldinger made a motion to accept the following individuals request for EIT certification. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; three in favors and one recused. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Mr. Aldinger and Mr. Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

SCOTT DAROSA

STEVEN SODERLUND

C.O.A. APPLICATIONS:

C.O.A. Applications were not reviewed at this time.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Duhamel informed the Board that the next Board meeting would be scheduled for December 15, 2010 at 9:00AM. Chairman Duhamel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors and one absent. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Secretary Farhoumand, Mr. Aldinger and Mr. Ihenacho, Board Members. Vice Chairman Moore was absent.

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Posted on December 17, 2010 electronically on Secretary of State's Office website. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.

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